



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Diamondhead, Mississippi

Council Chambers
City Hall
August 19, 2013
6:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 2. **Invocation**—Councilmember Sislow
 3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Councilmember Rech
 4. **Roll Call**—The following members of Council were present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmember Knobloch, Councilmember Lopez, Councilmember LaFontaine, Councilmember Sislow, Councilmember Rech
 5. **Approval of Minutes**—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to Accept the following Minutes Subject to Any Corrections or Additions Made by Council. The motion carried unanimously.

July 30, 2013 Budget Work Session
August 1, 2013 Work Session
August 5, 2013
 6. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order**—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to Accept the Agenda Order Subject to Any Corrections or Additions Made By Council, the City Manager, or the City Clerk. The motion carried unanimously and the following item was added to the agenda:

13h—Healthcare Industry Zone
 7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
 - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Work Session will be held Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 9 a.m. in Council Chambers.
 - b. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.
 - c. Stormwater kickoff meeting will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.
 - d. A Public Hearing on the FY 2014 Budget will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.
 - e. Councilmember Knobloch requested a Point of Privilege to address recent inaccuracies that were reported regarding membership in the defunct Diamondhead Baptist Church. Councilmember Knobloch indicated that he had never been a member of the Diamondhead Baptist Church and would not gain financially by the city's purchase of the facility. Councilmember Rech moved,

seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to spread Councilmember Knobloch's remarks on the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Presentations / Appointments

None

9. **City Manager's Report**—The podium microphone has been repaired; an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been purchased for city hall and city staff will be trained by the Fire Department on its use; the city has taken possession of the new police cars received through a grant; the free labor grant to clean the ditches has been changed and will conclude at the end of August; call City Hall if to report potholes.

Officer Hughes was recognized and updated Council on Capt. Al Herrman's condition and stated that he is expected to be discharged from the hospital on Tuesday; briefings have been cut from 1 hour to 30 minutes in an effort to reduce overtime.

10. **Docket of Claims**—Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to Accept the Docket of Claims as Presented Subject to any Additions, Corrections, or Deletions Made by Council. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

11. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items

Pete Kolf—Addressed Council on the Police Budget Amendment and requested that all budget amendments be done by resolution.

Pete Kolf—Addressed Council on the MEMA Mitigation Grant program and stated that he has called MEMA in an effort to persuade them not to approve the grant for the city.

Chip Bourg—Addressed Council regarding the Sign Ordinance requirements.

12. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**—Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to Accept the Financial Reports as Presented.

13. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- a. 2013-3003—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow to Accept the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to Approve Application for Variance Request Submitted by Mr. David Malley, dba Fairway Villas, Case #2013-07. Mr. Malley was recognized and addressed Council regarding his request. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- b. 2013-3004—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to Accept the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to Approve Application for Subdivision Replat Submitted by Mr. David Malley, dba Fairway Villas, Case #2013-08. Mr. Malley was again recognized and addressed Council. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- c. 2013-3005—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to Accept the Recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to Deny the Application for Variance Request of 188.5 sq. ft., Submitted by Mr. Daniel Hughes dba 3D Signs, for Signage for Goody's #772 and Approve a Variance of 129 sq. ft., Case #2013-09. Mr. Danny Hughes was

recognized and addressed Council regarding his request. Following discussion, Councilmembers Knobloch and Sislow withdrew their motion and second. Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to table the item until the next Work Session on August 29, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

- d. 2013-3007.2—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to Approve Police Budget Amendment #3. Following discussion, the carried unanimously.
- e. 2013-3007—Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to Approve the Police Vehicle Acquisition Purchase. The motion carried unanimously.
- f. 2013-3010—Councilmember LaFontaine moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to Set a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 30, 2013 at 9 a.m. to Approve Final FY2013 Invoices. The motion carried unanimously.
- g. 2013-3014—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to Authorize the City Manager to Execute MEMA Mitigation Grant Program Project Application, Hazard Mitigation Grant Application and Authorization, and Submit Letter of Application to Greg Williamson, Mississippi Department of Archives and History for a Wind Retrofit Grant for the New City Hall, Subject to the Approval of the City Attorney.
- h. Healthcare Industry Zone—Councilmember Rech was recognized and brought forward the Governor's Health Care Industry Zone Act and suggested that Diamondhead should be added to the Hancock County/Bay-Wave area zone. Following discussion, no action was taken.

14. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items Limit of 3 minutes per person.

- a. Iabelle Hecker was recognized and addressed Council regarding the Diamondhead Casino Corp.
- b. Elena Webber was recognized and requested information on the copier contract and actual cost of copies.
- c. Skip Alfonso was recognized and apologized to Councilmember Rech and Councilmember Knobloch for the inaccurate information regarding their membership in the Diamondhead Baptist Church.
- d. Pete Kolf was recognized and had general comments regarding the lease/purchase of city hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Sislow and second by Councilmember LaFontaine at 7:37 p. m., the Council voted unanimously to go into Closed Session to determine the need for an Executive Session.

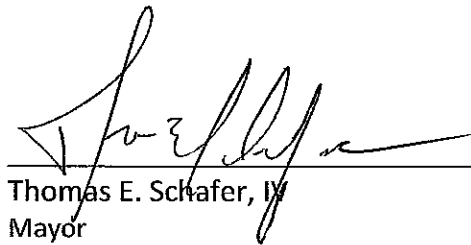
Upon motion by Councilmember Rech and second by Councilmember Sislow, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion by Councilmember Knobloch and second by Councilmember Lopez, the Council voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

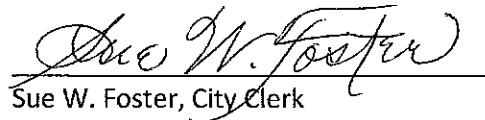
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

Upon motion by Councilmember Knobloch at 8:37 p. m. and second by Councilmember Sislow, the Council voted unanimously to return to the Regular meeting. All who were present when the Closed Session began were again present when the session ended. The City Attorney announced that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

15. **ADJOURN**—Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on August 12, 2013.